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## AMENDMENT UNDER CFR 1.312

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Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for consideration and entry of the following amendments.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 22 and 32 as indicated. All pending claims are reproduced for the convenience of examination.

- 1 1. (Amended) A method for supplying a consistent set of data to a software application, the
- 2 method comprising the steps of:
- 3 [launching said software application;]
- 4 identifying a particular set of data that is required by the software application;
- 5 requesting a first process to obtain a snapshot time from a database server associated with
  - a first database, wherein the snapshot time causes all subsequent reads of said first

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